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MEXICAN DRUG TRAFFICKER SENTENCED

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JUAN CARLOS GARCIA, 31, Guadalajara, Mexico, and Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 135 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. This case was the result of an four-month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs Service, Indiana State Police, Indianapolis Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Department, and Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed five years supervised release

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following GARCIA's imprisonment. GARCIA will be deported from the United States upon completion of his prison sentence.

GARCIA was an upper-level methamphetamine distributor for a meth trafficking organization operating in Indianapolis. The organization, headed by Ramon Montero, trafficked approximately 300 pounds of methamphetamine per month in the Indianapolis area from the summer of 2001 through December 6, 2002.

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